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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL ON PRC AMBASSADOR

1 . ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 I PAID MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRC
AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR, PENG GUANG-WEI. AN INTERPRETER,
A WOMAN WHO SPOKE VERY GOOD ENGLISH, WAS PRESENT DURING
OUR DISCUSSION.

US/GDR RELATIONS.

2. HE ASKED ME ABOUT OUR RELATIONS WITH
THE GDR, WHICH HE USUALLY DOES. I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD
NOT MADE VERY MUCH PROGRESS, EXCEPT AN INTEREST IN TRADE
HAS DEVELOPED, AND NOW POSSIBLY IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES.
AS TO POLITICAL MOVEMENT I CONSIDERED IT WOULD DEPEND
LARGELY ON US/SOVIET RELATIONS.

PRC/GDR REALTIONS

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3. PENG RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT PRC/GDR RELATIONS WERE NORMAL BUT NOT ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PRC, A TERM WHICH HE USED SEVERAL TIMES DURING OUR TALK. HE SAID THAT NEITHER US NOR PRC RELATIONS WITH THE GDR DEPENDED SOLELY ON THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET UNION WAS IN ECONOMIC TROUBLE AND ALTHOUGH THE PRC/GDR RELATIONS WERE ONLY "NORMAL", PRC TRADE WITH THE GDR HAD INCREASED EACH YEAR DURING HIS FIVE-YEAR STAY. HE DID NOT TELL ME THE VOLUME OF TRADE.

US/PRC RELATIONS

4. AMBASSADOR PENG TOLD ME THAT THE PRC DESIRED NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES BUT WOULD ALWAYS MAINTAIN ITS PRINCIPLES. US/PRC RELATIONS WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE FULL FILMENT BY THE US OF THE SHANGHAI AGREEMENT. AS TAIWAN AND THE PRC ARE ONE COUNTRY, THE US MUST BREAK ITS TIES WITH TAIWAN IF RELATIONS ARE TO ADVANCE.

MAO

5. I SAID THAT IT DID NOT DESIRE TO INTRUDE AT A TIME WHEN I KNEW THERE WAS SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF MAO, BUT THAT EVERYONE WAS ASKING "WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER MAO'S DEATH?" HE RESPONDED THAT HE KNEW EVERYONE WAS ASKING THE QUESTION AND THEN EXPRESSED HIMSELF IN GENERAL TERMS AS FOLLOWS: "MAO THOUGHTS ARE ENGRAVED IN THE MINDS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH HE IS GONE HIS PRINCIPLES HAVE NOT GONE AND ONE WHO TRIES TO MOVE THE CHINESE PEOPLE AWAY FROM HIS PRINCIPLES WILL NOT EXIST VERY LONG." AS HE HAS TOLD ME BEFORE, HE SAID THAT MAO DESIRED A CONTINUING REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AMONG THE PEOPLE. I ASKED AMBASSADOR PENG IF THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGE IN EXTERNAL POLICY BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF MAO. HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT THERE WILL BE NONE AS THE PRC CAN MANAGE ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ITS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND IT IS NOT AN IMPERIALISTIC COUNTRY, STRONG AS IT IS, AND DOES NOT WANT THE LAND

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OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY. I ASKED HIM IF THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. HIS ANSWER WAS NO. "THE SOVIET UNION IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PRC; IT IS AN IMPERIALISTIC COUNTRY AND UNLIKE THE PRC, WHERE THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE CONTINUES FOLLOWING MAO'S POLICY, THE SOVIET UNION IS A GOVERNMENT OF THE ELITE, AND THE STRUGGLE EXISTS ONLY AMONG THE ELITE.

6. WHEN I LEFT HE THANKED ME FOR VISITING HIM BEFORE
MY DEPARTURE AND SAID MY CALL TO SIGN THE BOOK AFTER
MAO'S DEATH WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN.
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